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Memorandum for the National Intelligence Authority
with the Unanimous Concurrence
of the Intelligence Advisory Board

SUBJECT: POLICY ON LIQUIDATION OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT

1. C.I.G. Directive No. 1 initiated a survey of the activities of the Strategic Services Unit. This survey has been conducted by an ad hoc committee established by reference directive. The committee was directed to submit a report of findings, conclusions and recommendations to the Director of Central Intelligence, who in turn would prepare suitable recommendations for the action of the National Intelligence Authority after concurrence or comment by the Intelligence Advisory Board. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation presided as a member of the Advisory Board for consideration of these recommendations.

2. The report has been submitted by the ad hoc committee to the Director of Central Intelligence, who concludes that:

a. The War Department should continue to assume full budgetary responsibility through the Fiscal Year 1947 for the liquidation of SSU and its operations pending such liquidation.

b. The War Department's liquidation of SSU and the further disposition of the resources, facilities, operating functions and personnel of SSU should be under the direction of the Director of Central Intelligence.

c. Pending liquidation the Strategic Services Unit should be administered and operated by the War Department in accordance with directives issued by the Director of Central Intelligence.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

a. The National Intelligence Authority approve the attached draft directive (Enclosure A), subject: "Policy on Liquidation of the Strategic Services Unit".

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b. The Secretary of War be requested to issue the instructions to the Director of SSU substantially in accordance with the attached draft (Enclosure B).

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